

Dear Friend of Jessamine Cares Malawi Project,

Lisa Preston here, third grade teacher at Roesenwald-Dunbar Elementary. My students and I are so grateful for your support and help on this project!

This past March my class and I discussed an idea that exploded into action. We were studying about the country of Malawi. The kids were deeply touched by the poverty and plight of orphans there. They declared, "Let's leave right now and go build an orphanage for these kids."

They started designing orphanage layouts, dreaming up fundraisers and brainstorming how we could possibly create an Orphan Care Program in Malawi to save the lives of children and offer them the chance at an education.

The students became obsessed with the idea of inviting the whole community to work together to make a difference. They called their initiative "Jessamine Cares." They truly believe that if all the schools and community pull together, we can raise \$82,000 to expand the Orphan Care Program through Circle of Hope, International.

The children shared their passion with Sara Crum, Mayors Rainwater and Carter, the Board of Education and Wilmore City Council. People in the community have caught the vision and have pledged to help make the dream a reality.

I've never seen an idea take root in the hearts of kids and change them like this project. When you see 9- year-old kids talk excitedly about the legacy they're leaving for their community, it's easy to believe we can all pull together to make a difference and save the lives of children halfway across the globe.

Thanks for believing and serving with us! You are our heroes!

Warmly, Lisa Preston